



## **Mt. Pleasant Community School District**

*"Empowering Students to Achieve Without Limits"*

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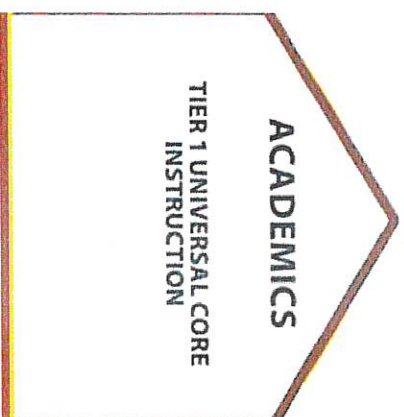
### **Mount Pleasant Community School District School Board Work Session**

**Date:** January 26, 2026 6:00 PM

**Mount Pleasant Community School District: High School Media Center**

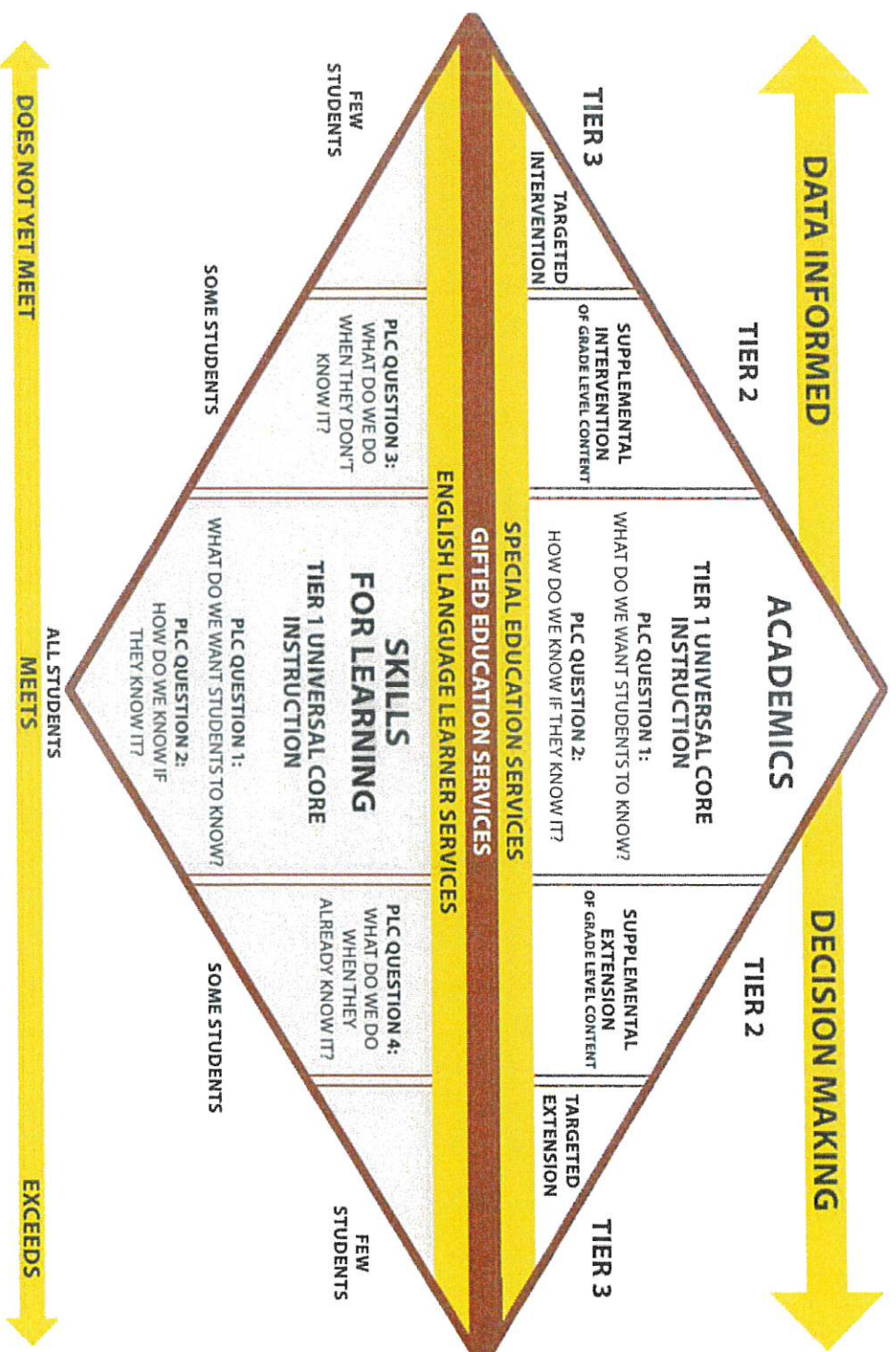
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Work Session Items**
  - a. Area Demographics and Local Student Enrollment Information**
  - b. Facilities Ad Hoc Committee Final Report Presentation**
  - c. Discussion Regarding District Communication Plan**
- 5. Adjournment**



**ALL STUDENTS**

# MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT



**RESILIENCE**  
**INTEGRITY**  
**COMPASSION**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**COMMUNICATION**  
**PROBLEM SOLVING**

## **Information about Iowa school district enrollment changes and estimates:**

### **Recent Trends:**

- Total fall 2025 certified enrollment for all Iowa public and accredited nonpublic schools was 515,221, down from 520,021 in 25-26.
- Public school district and public charter school certified enrollment—nearly 92% of Iowa's total certified enrollment—declined from 480,665 to 473,329, a decrease of 1.53%.
- Certified enrollment at Iowa accredited nonpublic schools was 41,892, up from 39,356 last year, representing just over 8% of total 2025 certified enrollment.
- Enrollment at public charter schools was 1,172, representing less than 1% of total 2025 certified enrollment. A total of 41,044 participants used their Students First ESA at an accredited nonpublic school as of the Oct. 1 certified enrollment date.
- In 2025-2026, 205 out of 325 districts experienced a decrease in enrollment.
- This continues a trend of decreasing enrollment in public schools since 2022.
- This decline is also evident when looking back to 2016, with some districts experiencing steeper declines than others.

### **Factors Influencing Enrollment:**

- Birth Rates: Lower birth rates contribute to a decrease in the student population.
- Education Savings Accounts (ESAs): Increased attendance at private schools through the use of ESAs (often referred to as vouchers) affects public school enrollment.
- Open Enrollment: Open enrollment allows students to attend public schools outside their resident district, potentially leading to enrollment shifts between districts.
- Demographic Shifts: Changes in population distribution affect enrollment, with some areas seeing growth (e.g., Central Iowa and the Corridor) and others seeing declines.
- Migration Trends: Shifting populations affect where students are enrolled.

**Estimated Impacts:**

- **Funding:** Decreasing enrollment can impact school district funding, as a large portion of funding is allocated per student. At 2% SSA, more than half of school district in Iowa are on the School Budget 101% Guarantee.
- **Resource Allocation:** School districts with declining enrollment may face decisions about consolidating programs, facilities, and services.
- **School Closures:** Declining enrollment in some areas could lead to school closures.
- **Rural Districts:** Rural districts have been particularly affected by declining enrollment, although the report suggests they saw some of the largest increases in per-student spending between 2015 and 2019.

**Projections:**

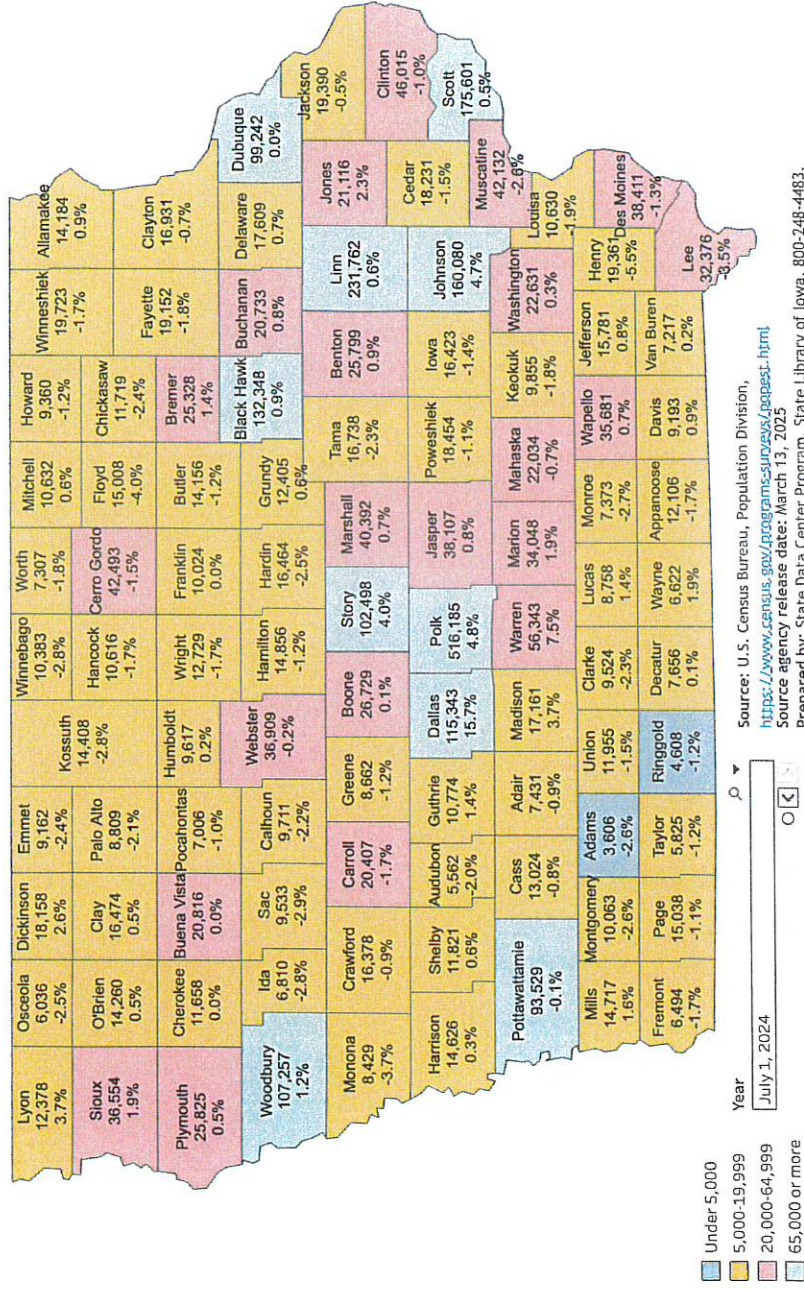
- Public school enrollment is projected to decrease by about 10,000 students, while private school enrollment is expected to rise by approximately 2,000 students.
- The use of ESAs is expected to increase further, as income restrictions have been lifted.

**Note:** The information provided reflects certified enrollment data, which is a snapshot in time used for funding purposes and differs slightly from the actual headcount of students enrolled.

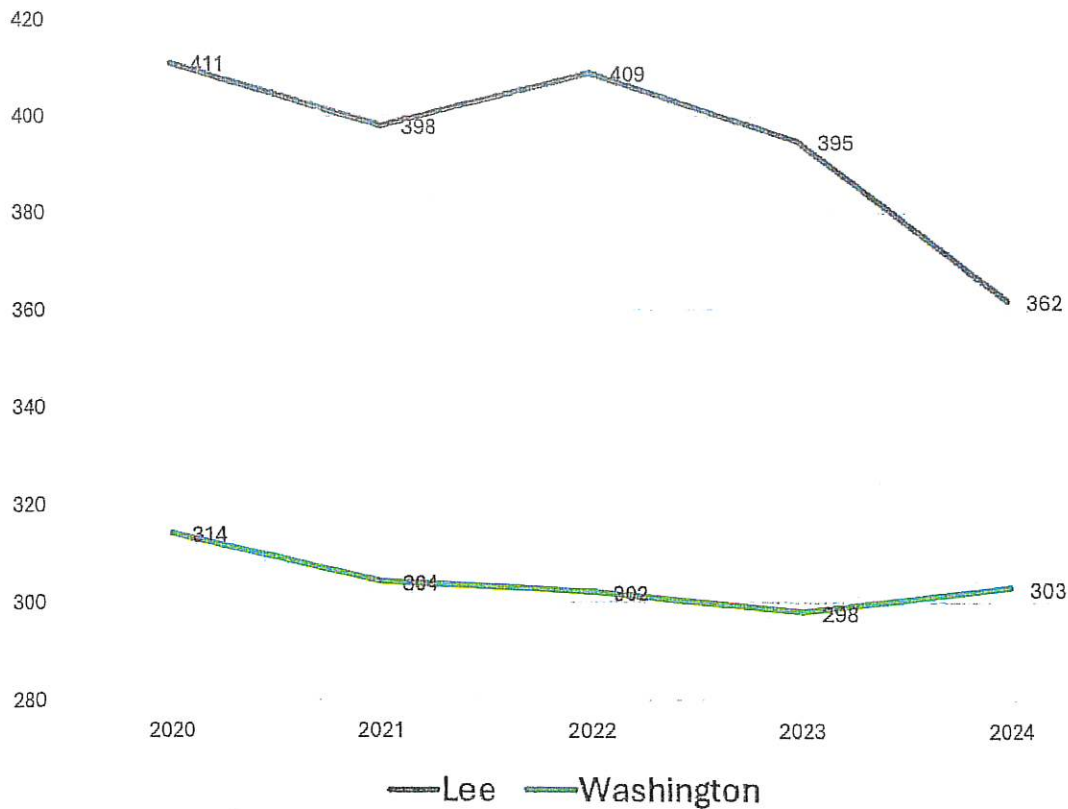
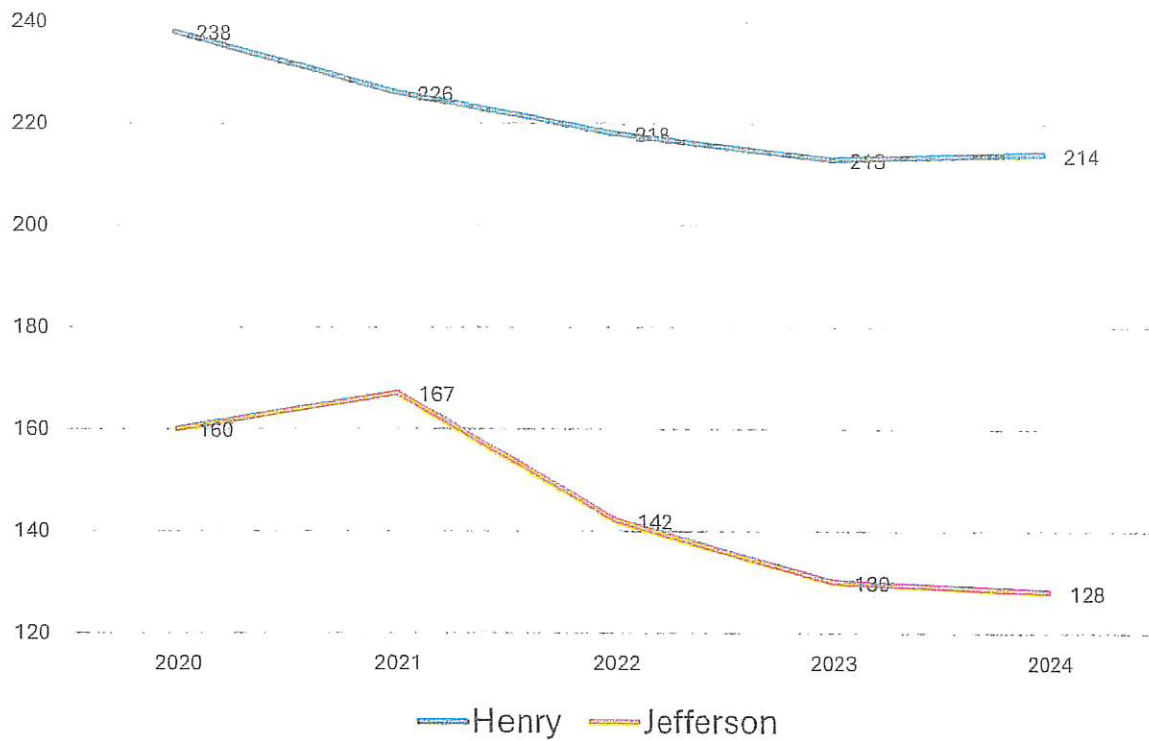


# Iowa County Population and Percent Change

(from April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024)



### 5 year old Population



<https://www.iowadatatcenter.org/index.php/data-by-source/population-estimates/single-year-age-and-sex-iowa-counties-vintage-2024>

## Births, Deaths, and Natural Change

\* Blank cells indicate 0-3 occurrences before 2012. From 2012 forward  
a blank cell indicate 0-5 occurrences.

2020					2021				
County	Geographic name	Births	Deaths	Natural Change	County	Geographic name	Births	Deaths	Natural Change
Henry	Total	178	289	-111	Henry	Total	187	254	-67
	Darwin					Hillsboro			
	Hillsboro					Mount Pleasant	102	150	-42
	Mount Pleasant	88	144	-56		New London	36	33	3
	Mount Union					Olds			
	New London	24	43	-19		Rome			
	Olds					Salem		15	
	Rome					Wayland	14	32	-18
	Salem		8			Winfield	11	13	-2
	Wayland	10	14	-4		Rest of County	8		
	Winfield	17	21	-4					
	Balance of County	30	52	-22					

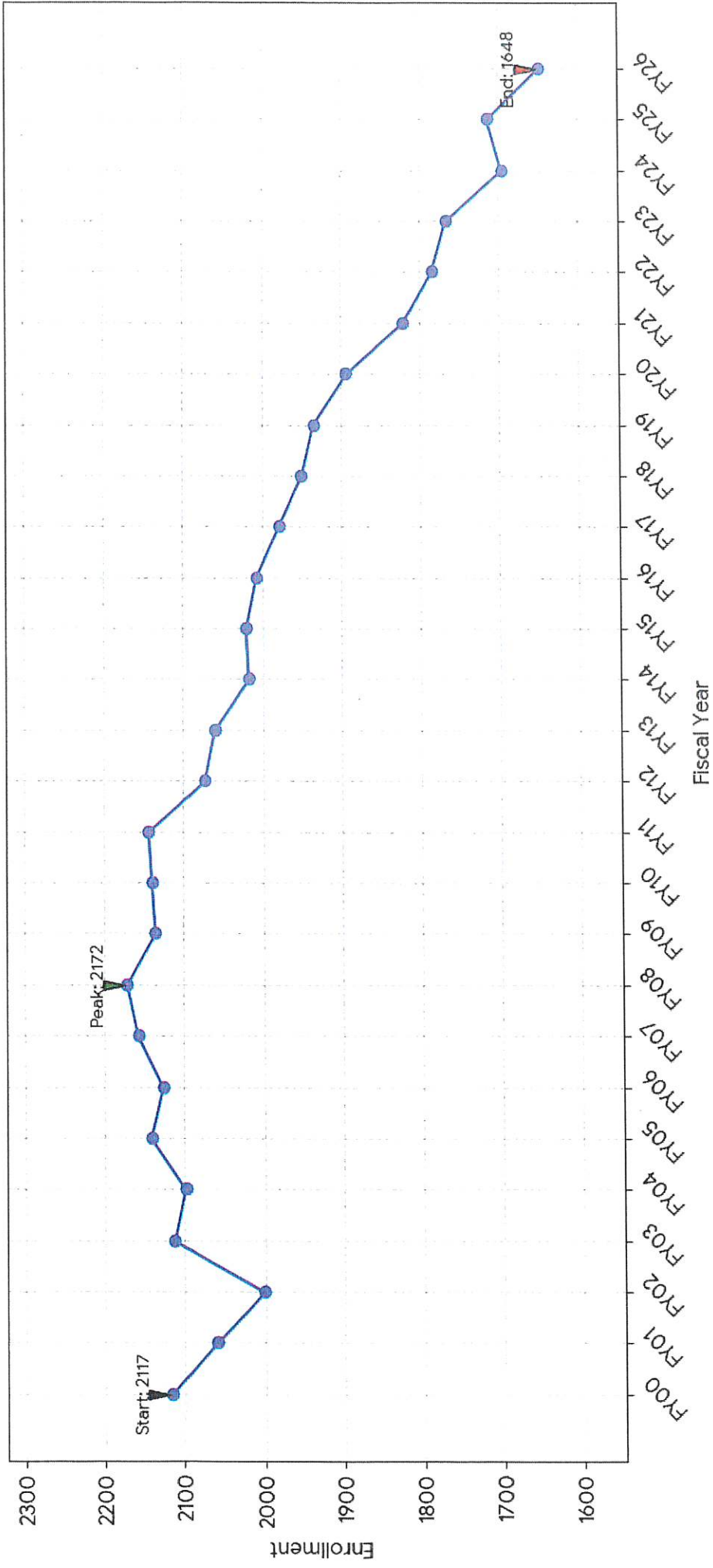
  

2022					2023				
County	Geographic name	Births	Deaths	Natural Change	County	Geographic name	Births	Deaths	Natural Change
Henry	Total	195	239	-44	Henry	Total	178	230	-52
	Hillsboro					Hillsboro			
	Mount Pleasant	118	145	-22		Mount Pleasant	106	127	-21
	New London	24	30	-6		New London	22	27	-5
	Olds					Olds			
	Rome					Rome			
	Salem	10	14	-4		Salem	11	12	-1
	Wayland	21	20	1		Wayland	13	23	-10
	Winfield	14	25	-11		Winfield	18	28	-10
	Rest of County					Rest of County			
						Westwood			

<https://www.iowadatacenter.org/index.php/data-by-source/state-agencies/births-deaths-natural-change>



Total K12 Enrollment In Classrooms



**Iowa Public School Certified Enrollment and Certified Enrollment Projections By District**

Source: Iowa Department of Education, Bureau of Performance and Analytics calculations using certified enrollment data and live birth data from the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

Notes: Enrollment projections are based upon trends observed in the number of students from grade to grade in certified enrollment. The Grade Progression Rate Method was used to project enrollment counts for first through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a ratio of the enrollment in each grade-level and year who then enroll in the successive grade-level and year. This ratio is then multiplied by the enrollment count in the previous grade-level and year. Kindergarten enrollment counts are projected using historical ratios of past estimates of the number of births in each school district in relation to past enrollment of kindergarten students 5 years later.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
9	<u>Actual Enrollment vs Projections</u>					
10		<u>Projection</u>	<u>Actual</u>			
11	2016-2017	1961	1970			
12	2017-2018	1953	1933			
13	2018-2019	1940	1922			
14	2019-2020	1917	1902			
15	2020-2021	1911	1858			
16	2021-2022	No Data	1830			
17	2022-2023	1851	1792			
18	2023-2024	No Data	1733			
19	2024-2025	1709	1757			
20	2025-2026	1702				
21	2026-2027	1650				
22	2027-2028	1626				
23	2028-2029	1567				
24	2029-2030	1523				
25						

**Elementary Grade Level Enrollment 2025-2026 (Nov. 1, 2025)**

	<u>In MP</u>	<u>Salem</u>
KG - Harlan	107	12
1st - Lincoln	113	14
2nd - Lincoln	100	12
3rd - Van Allen	94	18
4th - Van Allen	123	16
5th - Van Allen	<u>119</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	656	87
Preschool	75	